

TO: Chairman and Members

DATE: May 12, 2011

**SUBJECT: Los Angeles County Juvenile Halls
Determination of Suitability**

AGENDA ITEM: H

**ACTION: X
INFORMATION:**

RESOURCE PERSON: Field Representative Toni Gardner

Summary:

This agenda item is before the Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) Board for a determination of the suitability of Los Angeles County's Central, Los Padrinos and Barry J. Nidorf juvenile halls. It was continued to this date by Board action at its March 10, 2011 meeting.

The CSA is mandated by Section 209, Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) to biennially inspect all juvenile halls and special purpose juvenile halls. In the event a juvenile hall or special purpose juvenile hall is found out of compliance with one or more of the minimum standards for juvenile facilities contained within Titles 15 or 24, California Code of Regulations, the probation department is required to file a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) within 60 days of having received notice from CSA of noncompliance. If any of the issues of noncompliance are not resolved within 90 days of submission of the CAP, the CSA is to make a determination of suitability at its next scheduled meeting.

Los Angeles County's Central, Los Padrinos and Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Halls failed to resolve nutritional noncompliance issues cited by Los Angeles County Public Health Department within the time frame specified in WIC Section 209(d) and appeared at the September 9, 2010 Board meeting for a determination of suitability. After hearing status reports, the Board continued the determination of suitability to March 10, 2011 and then again to today's meeting.

Background:

Title 15 Section 1313, California Code of Regulations (CCR) mandates each facility administrator to obtain local specialized inspections including building and environmental safety, nutrition, fire safety, medical and mental health conditions. These inspections are conducted by local experts and are incorporated in CSA's overall inspection product. During the 2008-2010 CSA biennial inspection of the Central, Los Padrinos and Barry J. Nidorf juvenile halls, each facility was found out of compliance with Title 15 Sections 1460, 1461, 1462, 1463 and 1464. These nutritional health regulations were cited by the Public Health Department in their inspection of juvenile facilities required by Health and Safety Code, Section 101045. All of the areas of noncompliance were multi-year violations. Attachment "A" summarizes the portions of each regulation where the facilities were noncompliant and the inspector's comments regarding the noncompliance. The table also includes the probation department's progress in correcting the noncompliance. CSA staff rely on the local nutritional health inspector to review practice in order to determine if the department is now in compliance with these regulations.

Los Angeles County Juvenile Halls were unable to meet the corrective action deadline for these areas of noncompliance as outlined in WIC 209(d) and were required to appear at the September 9, 2010 meeting for a determination of suitability. The Board continued the matter until the March 10, 2011 meeting where updates were given by Los Angeles County Chief Probation Officer Donald Blevins and Registered Dietician Stephanie Sasnauskus. The CSA Board continued the matter to today's meeting to allow the department time to pursue the additional funding that the revised menus will require.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors considered probation's request to execute a modification of their food service contract at their March 15th, 22nd, 29th, and April 26th meetings. Chief Blevins reports that at the April 26, 2011 meeting, the Board voted to grant the probation department's request for additional funding to cover the increased cost of the menus which were revised to meet the nutritional requirements outlined in Title 15. CSA staff expect that there will be updates to report at today's CSA Board meeting.

Recommendation/Action Needed: Staff recommends that the CSA Board make a determination of suitability for the Los Angeles County Central, Los Padrinos and Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Halls.